

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on March 24, 2003 at 10 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 751, 3/17/2003

Executive Action: HB 749, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 10-8

**HEARING ON HB 751**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:00 REP. HARRIS, HD 30 -- Short Title: Increase alcohol tax  
to fund certain health programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

12:00 Chris Volinkaty, Child Development Center

14:00 Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association

15:00 Jani McCall, MAIDS, MCI

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:00 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers  
Association

19:00 Roland Mena, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services

20:00 Elaine Sliter, Miller Brewing Company

21:00 Mark Taylor, Anheuser-Busch Inc.

**EXHIBIT (tah62a01)**

25:00 Don Hargrove, Montana Addiction Services Providers

27:00 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation

29:00 Mona Jamison, Wine Institute

**Informational Testimony:**

31:00 JoAnn Dotson, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services

**EXHIBIT (tah62a02)**

**EXHIBIT (tah62a03)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

34:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

54:00

10:55 a.m. Break

11:12 a.m. Resume

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 749**

**Motion:** REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS.

**EXHIBIT (tah62a04)**

**Motion:** REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT (tah62a05)**

Discussion:

1:16:00

Vote: Motion carried 16-1 with REP. LAKE voting no by voice vote.

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT** (tah62a06)

Discussion:

1:21:00

Vote: Motion carried 11-5 with REPS. BRANAE, COHENOUR, CYR, ERICKSON, and GILLAN voting no by voice vote.

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion/Vote: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT** (tah62a07)

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion/Vote: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT** (tah62a08)

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

1:33:00

**EXHIBIT** (tah62a09)

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT** (tah62a10)

Vote: Motion failed 8-10 with REPS. BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, CYR, ERICKSON, GILLAN, LAMBERT, and LASLOVICH voting aye by roll call vote with REP. CARNEY voting aye by verbal proxy of REP. ERICKSON.

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT**(tah62a11)

Vote: Motion failed 2-16 with REPS. ERICKSON and PETERSON voting aye by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LAKE moved that HB 749 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 12-6 with REPS. BALLYEAT, CARNEY, COHENOUR, CYR, GILLAN, and LASLOVICH voting no by roll call vote with REP. CARNEY voting no by verbal proxy of REP. ERICKSON.

**EXHIBIT**(tah62a12)

Motion: REP. PETERSON moved that HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT**(tah62a13)

Discussion:

2:09:00

Vote: Motion carried 10-8 with REPS. BALLYEAT, BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, CYR, ERICKSON, GILLAN, and LASLOVICH voting no by roll call vote with REP. CARNEY voting no by verbal proxy of REP. ERICKSON.

**EXHIBIT**(tah62a14)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:09 A.M.

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REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (tah62aad)**